

REMARKS

Claims 26-40 and 54-94 were pending. The Office Action dated May 18, 2007 withdrew claims 62-94 from consideration as these claims were directed to a non-elected invention, but indicated that upon their cancellation, the remaining claims are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, claims 62-94 have been cancelled.

Claims 95-115 are new. Since each of claims 95-115 are dependent upon allowed claim 26, their entry is respectfully requested.

Support for claims 95 and 110, directed to a process for obtaining particles from underwater pelletizers, can be found on page 19, line 10.

Support for claims 97 and 111, directed to a process for producing spherical particles, can be found on page 7, line 15.

Support for claims 98 and 113, directed to process for making particles containing phosphorus, can be found on page 15, lines 4-5.

Support for claims 99-100, directed to titanium catalysts, can be found on page 16, lines 29-30

Support for claims 101-102 directed to antimony catalysts can be found on page 16, line 30.

Support for reheat aids can be found on page 18, beginning at line 8.

Support for claims 105 and 112, directed to a process for making strain crystallized polyester polymers, can be found on page 19, line 17.

Support for drying conditions in claims 106-107 can be found on page 21.

Support for claim 108, directed to particles containing a metal deactivator, can be found on page 22, line 12. .

Support for claim 109, directed to a process for forming heat set beverage bottles, can be found on page 22, line 26.

Support for claim 114, directed to a process for making particles having an AA level of 2 ppm or less, can be found on page 10, line 30. .

Support for claim 115, directed to particles having an It.V. of at least 0.80 dL/g, can be found on page 7, line 27. .

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The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned with any questions related to the prosecution of this application at the number below.

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